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THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD. Sermons preached in the Chapel of Princeton Theological Seminary. BENJAMIN B. WARFIELD, D.D. Hodder & Stoughton. Pp. viii, 270. \$1.25.

Most contemporary preachers are bent on adapting Christian truth to the changed intellectual and social conditions of modern life, and theologians seek to aid them and to defend Christianity by manipulating traditional doctrines into adaptable forms; but behind all this endeavor lies an assumption which should not pass unchallenged. Why should Christianity seek to adapt itself to the modern world, instead of laboring to adapt the world to itself? Is its task to be conformed to this world, and not rather to transform it? Is modern thought the standard of Christian truth, and not the reverse? Is not the whole undertaking an implicit denial of Christianity as a revelation of truth? Amidst all the talk about kernel and husk, while the noise of the hammers is in our ears and nut-picks are becoming fashionable theological tools, it is refreshing to hear a clear, strong voice affirming the earlier world-conquering mission of Christian doctrine. Dr. Warfield believes in the unchanging character of Christian truth because it proceeds from God Himself; modern thought is but a transient phase of human thinking and is destined to disappear, while revealed truth must abide, as eternal as God Himself. Hence these sermons are not rooted in "experience" but in the Bible. They are exegetical in character, and the exegesis is that of a thorough scholar, even though other scholars equally thorough may reach different conclusions. They are logical, calling for continuous thinking and well repaying it. It stirs our admiration to read straight Calvinistic doctrine—election, limited atonement, substitution—unflinchingly declared by one who as thinker and scholar needeth not to be ashamed, and who has the preacher's power. For these sermons are instinct with vital energy and carry throughout the urgency of sincere conviction.

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UNIVERSITY SERMONS. HENRY SLOAN COFFIN, D.D. Yale University Press. Pp. 256. \$1.50.

This volume contains fifteen sermons preached to students in the chapels of several American universities, by one of the most popular of the younger generation of college preachers. The excellence of these sermons will cause them to be widely welcomed. They are vigorous, straightforward, and hard-hitting; colloquial

and direct rather than literary; illuminated by story and anecdote and touched with an occasional gleam of humor. They are admirable specimens of what is not, perhaps, the highest type of preaching, but a type nevertheless very appealing to young men and women, even if, like most good preaching, it is better heard than read. It is difficult to choose among them; but perhaps the best three are the sermons on "Three Stages in Religious Experience," on "Unexpected Sympathy," and on "Religion—a Load or a Lift?" The volume throughout is an excellent example of practical, direct preaching.

HENRY WILDER FOOTE.

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THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD.
A History of Translations of the Prayer Book. W. MUSS-ARNOLT.
Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. London. 1914. Pp. xxii,
473.

Dr. Josiah H. Benton, of the Boston Public Library, has one of the most complete collections in the world of issues and translations of the Prayer Book of the Church of England and of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America. Dr. William Muss-Arnolt has prepared a sumptuous Catalogue of the collection, and also an elaborate record of the translations of the Prayer Book into the 146 different languages into which it has been translated. The Catalogue is privately printed.

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